

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES—EXPENSES OF.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Tabular statement of the expenses of the Supreme Court of the United States, &c.*

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JANUARY 12, 1859.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, January 11, 1859.*

SIR: In conformity with the request contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 4th instant, a copy of which was communicated to this department, I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, dated the 10th instant, and a tabular statement accompanying the same, exhibiting the expenses of the Supreme Court of the United States during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857.

By reference to this statement, it will be observed that these expenses are not incurred, strictly speaking, during either year named, owing to the fact that the annual terms of the court commence on the first Monday in December and extend into the year succeeding; and for this reason this department is not able at this time to report the expenses for the year 1858, the court being now in session.

I am, sir, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. THOMPSON,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES L. ORR,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Comptroller's Office, January 10, 1859.*

SIR: Herewith I have the honor to return the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 4th instant, in regard to the expenses

of the United States Supreme Court from 1854 to 1858, referred to me on the 8th instant, but not received at this office until the present instant.

I return the table prepared in your department, which you had the kindness to submit, in order to expedite a report and have compared the same with the vouchers, and made such corrections in data as necessary, and have to suggest that your fifteenth head be divided, so as to show the expenses of crier, four bailiffs, and nine servants by themselves, in a separate head, to precede the present No. 15, which will obviate the necessity for a column for remarks. I have given the dates of the commencement and adjournment of the regular and adjourned terms, so that it will be perceived that the clerk's charges for per diems include every day from the meeting to the adjournment of each term, and that the *crier*, four bailiffs, and nine servants charge for the same days, and from 10 to 47 days, in addition to those charged by the clerk at each regular or adjourned term.

These alterations are submitted for your consideration, the data of the table now being correct, as far as I am able to judge with the vouchers before me.

Very respectfully submitted.

W. MEDILL, *Comptroller.*

HON. JACOB THOMPSON,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

Statement showing the expenses of the United States Supreme Court, in comparative detail, for the years 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, and 1858, from the commencement of the December term, 1854, to the close of the December adjourned term, 1857, held in April and May, 1858.

Year.	Term.	No. of days in term.		No. of days charged by crier, bailiff, and servants.	Per diem compensation of clerk.	Amount paid to clerk for fees, including copies of records furnished the U. S. Attorney General.	Total amount paid clerk from United States treasury.	Expenses of printing records.	Expenses of other printing.	No. of records printed in individual cases.	No. of records printed in United States cases.	No. of copies of records charged to the U. S. Attorney General.	Amount of records charged to the U. S. Attorney General.*	Rent of consultation rooms for Judges.	Oil, candles, &c.	Coal.	Wood.	Stationery.	Crier, four bailiffs, and nine servants.	All other expenses, including the marshal's per diem compensation and commissions, miscellaneous contingencies, &c.	Total expense.
1854	Dec. term, Dec. 4, 1854, to March 10, 1855.	97	127	\$970	\$2,319 82	\$3,289 82	\$6,636 38	\$119 66	65	5	4	\$82 04	\$615 50	\$247 77	\$297 50	\$90 00	\$1,346 01	\$4,239 50	\$1,880 64	\$18,362 78	
1855	Dec. term, Dec. 3, 1855, to Feb. 28, 1856.	88	119	880	2,029 31	2,909 31	9,451 64	113 11	55	13	9	453 88	671 00	355 04	195 00	134 00	1,330 05	4,265 50	1,744 20	21,168 83	
1855	Dec. adj'd term, April 1 to May 14, 1856.	44	70	440	2,041 24	3,381 24	6,072 96	.....	27	27	30	1,734 88	507 75	192 13	.....	72 00	349 66	2,373 00	644 67	13,593 41	
1856	Dec. term, Dec. 1, 1856, to March 6, 1857.	97	117	970	4,740 58	5,710 58	8,341 64	152 48	64	36	33	1,477 56	542 27	393 08	275 00	179 62	1,198 55	4,150 83	1,986 16	22,930 22	
1857	Dec. term, Dec. 7, 1857, to Feb. 26, 1858.	82	92	820	2,760 60	3,580 60	12,952 04	155 50	91	9	12	1,582 84	456 60	428 88	293 75	150 00	1,491 30	3,339 20	1,662 14	24,510 01	
1857	Dec. adj'd term, April 5 to May 18, 1858.	44	91	440	2,034 50	2,474 50	4,859 56	.....	26	18	18	915 32	438 60	101 85	13 00	68 75	224 93	3,139 00	613 62	11,933 81	

\* The sums under this head are included in the column, "Amount paid to clerk for fees, &c."

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